

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Children, Youth and Families requests proposals to establish or expand secondary prevention projects, which address issues of child abuse and/or neglect. Secondary prevention refers to those supportive and intervention services offered on a voluntary basis to adults and children who are considered "at-risk" for abuse and neglect because of their life situation. Grants not to exceed \$50,000.00 will be available; lesser amounts may be awarded. Grants will be supported for one year. Continuation funding at the same or declining levels will be contingent on the evaluation of first year's program performance.

Funds to support these projects have been allocated from the Family and Children's Trust Fund (R.I.G.L. 42-72-30).

Program Proposal eligibility is limited to programs that meet the following criteria:

- \*Proposed programs must focus on supporting families and children in order to reduce child abuse and/or neglect. Priority will be given to programs which establish or expand secondary prevention programs addressing issues of child abuse and neglect. Primary prevention projects which meet eligibility characteristics below may be considered.

- \*Proposals submitted by non-profit agencies, community groups and/or colleges;

- \*Documentation of a minimum of twenty percent (20%) in-kind or cash contribution.

Priority will be given to proposals that may include, but are not limited to:

- \*Home visitation programs that have linkages and can coordinate services with community initiatives i.e. early childhood initiatives, substance abuse, domestic violence initiatives, and/or family resource centers that provide support to families at-risk for child abuse and/or neglect.

- \*Program must offer culturally relevant community based services that provide sustained assistance and support to families at various stages in their development. Such services shall promote parental competencies and behaviors that will lead to the healthy and positive personal development of parents and children. Programs may provide information distributed to the community at large to prevent child abuse and/or neglect.



A copy of the application packet may be obtained on the Department's website [www.dcyf.ri.gov](http://www.dcyf.ri.gov) or by calling in person at the Department of Children, Youth and Families 101 Friendship St. 3<sup>rd</sup> fl, Providence, Rhode Island during normal working hours; requests by mail or telephone will not be honored. In applicants' conference will be conducted on March 27, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., Prevent Child Abuse-RI, 500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Prospective applicants are urged to attend. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Department at 401 528-3770 (hearing/speech impaired, dial 711) at least 72 hours in advance of the conference date.

The original and six (6) copies of completed proposals must be submitted no later than 3:30 p.m., April 18, 2008

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